



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This week's issue focuses on more opportunities to access both funds and training. Many organizations need training and information more than they need funds. Training and information provide capacity building skills that enhance an organization's ability to provide services and thus be of more value to their constituents.

The end of last week and the early part of this week, several of the OFBCI staff attended the National Conference on Service and Volunteering. From this conference, we each learned more about how our organization can serve Hoosiers in a better way. In the coming weeks, we will share with you more information and training opportunities that will build upon what we learned in Seattle. We look forward to being of more service to you.

Lt. Governor Announces Affordable Housing Educational Effort

On June 6th, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman unveiled a new statewide informational initiative designed to tell Hoosiers about the many tools available to those struggling with affordable housing issues. The initiative includes a statewide radio campaign and a series of events in cities throughout the state.

"We want to get the message out that there is help for Hoosiers of all ages and in many different circumstances who are facing housing issues," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who chairs the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Board of Directors. "This statewide initiative directs people to a website that not only explains the importance of stable housing, but also offers many resources to assist Hoosiers struggling to find a safe, decent, and affordable place to live."

The radio ads encourage Hoosiers to visit, www.ourindianahome.org a website designed to inform Hoosiers about the need for affordable housing and how it benefits local communities. The website offers variety of links to resources including, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) First Home Program, www.indianahousingnow.org, an affordable rental website, and an organization that assists Hoosiers facing foreclosure.

Today's announcement was made at Nora Commons on the Monon, an affordable rental complex for seniors. "Affordable housing is an issue that affects everybody," said Jeff Kittle, Executive Vice President and Partner of Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc. "Nora Commons is an affordable housing option that allows seniors to age independently without leaving their neighborhood."

In addition to a website, the radio ads offer a toll-free number for those who do not have Internet access. The toll free number is 800-872-0371.

During the month of June, additional affordable housing awareness events will occur in the following locations: Fort Wayne, Marion, Hammond, Logansport, Terre Haute, Columbus and New Albany. Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed June Homeownership Month for the state of Indiana.

Attention: All who serve youth in North Central Indiana!

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Indiana Youth Institute will be in South Bend on Friday, June 30th to present available resources, including the Compassion Capital Fund's "Communities Empowering Youth" grant. The event will be held from 11AM to 1PM at the YMCA of Michiana, 1201 Northside Boulevard, South Bend, 46615. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by June 28 to rsvp2@ofbci.in.gov or to Dennis Tooley at 866-426-6568 or email dtooley@iyi.org

HUD Offers Grant Writing Training — 4th year in a row!

The training is for faith-based and community organizations to provide tips and facts to the grant writing process. **Registration is limited to 100 people.** Register on line by going to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/index.cfm> . Scroll down to the "Highlights" section at the bottom of the page. Click on the red link. Select the State of Indiana. Register and submit information.

Date: June 29 – June 30, 2006
Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Indiana Technology
1600 East Washington Boulevard
Fort Wayne, 46803
Contact: Teresa Jeter-Newburn, 317-226-6303 ext. 6158
Email: Teresa.M.Jeter-Newburn@hud.gov



....Community Development Block Grant Reminder....

Round II **proposals** for the Community Development Block Grant are due on July 13th. All **applications** are due September 22nd and on December 1st the Round II awards will be announced. For more information on this grant, please contact the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-8911 or 800-824-2476 or visit their website at <http://www.in.gov/ocra/>



Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Rental Housing Tax Credit Program Notice

Comments for the 2007 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) are being sought as staff begins its annual review of the QAP.

Focus Groups will be held to review and discuss the QAP. This is an open forum with specific industry groups to discuss ideas and comments for the 2007 Qualified Allocation Plan. Non-Profit Developers may attend the session on Tuesday, July 11th, from 9 to 11 AM. Not-For-Profit-Developers may attend the session on Tuesday, July 11th, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM . Both sessions will be held at the IHCD, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 1000, in Indianapolis.

Comments can be emailed to Kburck@ihcda.in.gov, faxed to Karla Burck, Tax Credit Allocation Supervisor, 317-232-7778, or mailed to: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Attn: Karla Burck, Tax Credit Allocation Supervisor, 30 S. Meridian St, Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

A public hearing for the QAP will be held sometime in September. Please watch the IHCD website at www.indianahousing.org for details.